

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JUNE 6, 1860.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. DAVIS made the following

REPORT.

[To accompany bill S. 492.]

The Committee on Military Affairs and the Militia, to whom was referred the petition of Captain J. W. Davidson, of the United States army, having had the same under consideration, report:

The petitioner prays to be reimbursed in the sum of \$218 75, which amount was deducted from his pay on account of public funds stolen from him while acting commissary of subsistence.

It appears that in August, 1847, at Los Angeles, California, the petitioner had \$400 of public money in his possession, which, as he had no iron safe, he was obliged to keep in the room which he occupied. That upon the night of the 13th of that month the room was forcibly entered by two soldiers, who stole these funds. That as soon as the robbery was discovered, these two men were arrested, tried by a court-martial, and convicted of the theft; but only \$181 75 of the money was recovered. The amount thus lost was paid by the petitioner into the treasury; and the committee being satisfied that he is in no way censurable for this robbery, that he exercised over this money the best care he could, and that he used proper diligence for its recovery, report a bill for his relief, and recommend its passage.

